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CALTRANS TO DEMOLISH THE HARRISON ST. OFF-RAMP IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS WEEKEND

Caltrans will completely demolish the original Harrison Street off-ramp from the Bay Bridge this weekend to make room to construct a new ramp to current earthquake standards. The Harrison Street ramp was originally constructed in 1936 as an on-ramp when the Bay Bridge first opened with bi-directional traffic on its upper deck. The ramp served the public for nearly 70 years. Caltrans closed the Harrison Street off-ramp on September 6, 2005 to prepare to replace the structure with a more seismically resilient ramp as part of the \$429 million West Approach retrofit project. Motorists that used the Harrison Street ramp now have the option to take the new Fremont/Folsom Street ramp, which has already been seismically upgraded to exit the bridge.

The demolition of the old Harrison Street ramp will take place from 7am to 10pm this Saturday and Sunday (November 5th and 6th). **The Sterling St. on-ramp to eastbound I-80 and a section of Bryant St. from Beale St. to Second St. will be closed (local resident access will be maintained) at 9pm on November 4th until 6am Monday morning November 7th to insure motorist safety.** All other Bay Bridge ramps and all I-80 freeway lanes will remain open. Traffic impacts on I-80 are expected to be minimal and Caltrans will use detour signs and flaggers to maintain access for local area residents.

For the latest information on the West Approach project contact the public information office at (415) 597-5895 or call 511. You can also visit us on the web at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/safer or go to www.511.org. Tune to AM 840 Caltrans Highway Advisory Radio for information while on the Bay Bridge.

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